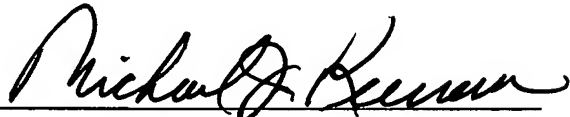


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendment merely adds a new dependent claim 16. Support for the claim may be found, for example, on page 5 of the specification. Early action on the merits is requested.

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